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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 16 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

9 a.m. 3954th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Maintenance of peace and security and post-conflict peace-building

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m. 45th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

   (k) Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee (A/53/235, A/C.5/53/1/Add.1 and A/C.5/53/46)

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

   Consideration of programme budget implications of draft resolution A/53/L.66

   (A/C.5/53/45 and A/53/734 and Corr.1)

3. United Nations common system [120]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.20

4. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.22

5. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.23

6. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   (a) Guidelines for Internal Control Standards

   Action on draft decision A/C.5/53/L.30

   (b) Results-based budgeting

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.35

7. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   (a) Tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.32

   (b) Development account

   Action on draft decision A/C.5/53/L.34

   (c) Impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures

   Action on draft decision A/C.5/53/L.31

   (d) First performance report

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.36

   (e) Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1998

   (f) Relationship between the treatment of perennial activities in the programme budget and the use of the contingency fund

   (g) Recosting of outstanding statements of programme budget implications and revised estimates (A/C.5/53/49)

   (h) Report of the Secretary-General on the contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates (A/C.5/53/48)

   (i) Draft report of the Fifth Committee

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.27

8. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   (a) Proposed budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.33

   (b) Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 1999-2000

   Action on draft decision A/C.5/53/L.29

   (c) Action taken on certain items

   Action on draft decision A/C.5/53/L.28

9. Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee during the main part of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Capital plan

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1998

12 noon- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Council, on all matters before the resumed substantive session of the Council

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	50th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1] (E/1998/99, E/1998/L.52)

   Theme for the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of the substantive session of 1999 [1]

Distribution of seats on the Executive Board of the World Food Programme [1] (E/1998/L.51)

Participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Commission on the Status of Women [1]

Elections, appointments and confirmations [1] (E/1998/97, E/1998/L.1/Add.18-24, E/1998/L.2/Add.3, E/1998/L.53)

2. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B [8] (A/53/137-E/1998/66, E/1998/61, E/1998/CRP. 5)

3. Social and human rights questions: Human rights questions [14 (g)] (E/1998/L.52)

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	682nd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	683rd meeting	Conference Room 1

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [3 (b)] (E/C.2/1998/R.2/Add.16-27 and E/C.2/1998/R.2/Add.20/Corr.1)

Announcement

A non-paper on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on "Women 2000: Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-first Century", as requested by the consultations of the Commission on the Status of Women, is available for pick-up by interested delegations in room DC2-1216.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 16 December 1998

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND THE GROUP OF 77

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

GROUP OF 77
(on the Commission for Sustainable Development: Consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption)

3.30 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

ORIENTATION COURSE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Workshop

There will be a Workshop for non-governmental organizations on consultative status with the Economic and Social Council *today*, 16 December 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. Conference Room C.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 17 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	92nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	93rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly: report of the Credentials Committee (A/53/556/Add.1) [3]

2. Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/53/3) [12]

3. Strengthening of the United Nations system: draft decision (A/53/L.68) [58]

4. Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee: report of the Fifth Committee* [17 (k)]

5. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/738) [111]

6. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee* [112]

7. Programme planning: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/743) [114]

8. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/713) [116]

9. Pattern of conferences: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/744) [117]

10. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee* [118]

11. Human resources management: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/748) [119]

12. United Nations common system: report of the Fifth Committee* [120]

13. United Nations pension system: reports of the Fifth Committee (A/53/736 and A/53/737) [121]

14. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/745) [123]

15. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: report of the Fifth Committee* [135]

16. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: report of the Fifth Committee* [137]

17. Programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999: report of the Fifth Committee* [113]

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* To be issued.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 177th (closed) meeting* of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait will be held on Thursday, 17 December 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Members of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing to Members, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press in the Press Room.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1999 on Monday, 11 January 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

The first regular session 1999 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 January 1999 in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1999/ L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 15 January 1999.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session meeting

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (19-22 and 25 January 1999) will take place on Tuesday, 5 January 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 1999

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 19 to 22 and 25 January 1999 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (212-326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than 14 January 1999.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Asian Group of the Whole on Thursday, 17 December 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal meeting

The Interim Steering Committee of the Millennium NGO Forum will hold a meeting on the theme "Process, Structure and Content of the Proposed Millennium NGO Forum" on Thursday, 17 December 1998, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Representatives of all non-governmental organizations, as well as interested members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff, are invited to attend.

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Briefing

There will be a donor briefing (closed), organized by the United Nations Development Programme, on the progress activities of the Cambodian Mine Action Centre (CMAC) and their directions and plans for 1999 on Thursday, 17 December 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The briefing, which will include an audio-visual presentation, will be made jointly by Mr. Ieng Mouly, Chairman, and Mr. Sam Sotha, Director-General of CMAC.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 15 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

91st plenary meeting

Reports of the Second Committee

The Rapporteur of the Second Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 91 to 98 and 12. He orally made corrections to three of the draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee.

Macroeconomic policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606 and Add.5) [91]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 91 contained in document A/53/606.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/606/Add.5) (resolution 53/169).

(a) Trade and development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606/Add.1)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/53/606/Add.1) (resolutions 53/170 and 53/171).

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of the same report.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of subitem (a) of agenda item 91.

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606/Add.2)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/53/606/Add.2) (resolutions 53/172 and 53/173).

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of the same report.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of subitem (b) of agenda item 91.

(c) Commodities: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606/Add.3)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/606/Add.3) (resolution 53/174).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of subitem (c) of agenda item 91.

(d) External debt crisis and development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606/Add.4)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/606/Add.4) and as orally corrected by the Rapporteur (resolution 53/175).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of subitem (d) of agenda item 91.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 91 as a whole.

Sectoral policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/53/607) [92]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (A/53/607) (resolutions 53/176 and 53/177).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 92.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608) [93]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 93 (A/53/608).

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.1)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/608/Add.1) (resolution 53/178).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of subitem (a) of agenda item 93.

(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.2)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/53/608/Add.2) (resolution 53/179).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of subitem (b) of agenda item 93.

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II): report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.3)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/53/608/Add.3) (resolution 53/180).

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of the same report.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of subitem (c) of agenda item 93.

(d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.4)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/53/608/Add.4) (resolution 53/181).

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of the same report.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of subitem (d) of agenda item 93.

(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.5)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/53/608/Add.5) (resolution 53/182).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of subitem (e) of agenda item 93.

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.6)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/53/608/Add.6) and as orally corrected by the Rapporteur (resolution 53/183).

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of the same report.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of subitem (f) of agenda item 93.

(g) Cultural development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.7)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/53/608/Add.7) (resolution 53/184).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of subitem (g) of agenda item 93.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 93 as a whole.

Environment and sustainable development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609 and Add.6) [94]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 94 contained in document A/53/609.

The Assembly adopted draft resolutions I, II and III recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 18 of its report (A/53/609/Add.6) (resolutions 53/185, 53/186 and 53/187).

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 19 of the same report (A/53/609/Add.6).

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.1)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/609/Add.1) (resolution 53/188).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of subitem (a) of agenda item 94.

(b) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.2)

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 3 of its report (A/53/609/Add.2).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of subitem (b) of agenda item 94.

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.3)

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the Marshall Islands and Australia.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/609/Add.3) (resolution 53/189).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 94.

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.4)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/609/Add.4) (resolution 53/190).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 94.

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.5)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/609/Add.5) (resolution 53/191).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 94.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 94 as a whole.

Operational activities for development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/610) [95]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution I recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/53/610) and as orally corrected by the Rapporteur and draft resolution II also recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 13 of the same report (resolutions 53/192 and 53/193).

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 14 of the same report.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 95.

Training and research: report of the Second Committee (A/53/611) [96]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (A/53/611) (resolutions 53/194 and 53/195).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 96.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources: report of the Second Committee (A/53/612) [97]

By 144 votes to 2, with 12 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/53/612) (resolution 53/196).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 97.

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006): report of the Second Committee (A/53/613) [98]

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (A/53/613) (resolutions 53/197 and 53/198).

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 15 of the same report.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 98.

Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Second Committee (A/53/605) [12]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I, II and III recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 18 of its report (A/53/605) (resolutions 53/199, 53/200 and 53/201).

The General Assembly adopted draft decisions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 19 of the same report.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of all the chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council allocated to the Second Committee.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Second Committee before it.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 85th plenary meeting of the General Assembly (see *Journal* No.1998/238, p.11): the action on draft resolution II contained in paragraph 21 of the report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.1) should be as follows:

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution II Operative paragraph 26 (recorded vote)	104	7	44
Draft resolution II as a whole (resolution 53/138)		adopted	

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 44th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Revised estimates on the United Nations Political Office in Bougainville

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-Genera l (A/C.5/53/47).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the estimate of $1,395,300 under section 3 (Peacekeeping operations and special missions) of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999, and $148,300 under section 32 (Staff assessment), on the understanding that such additional appropriations, as might be necessary, would be dealt with outside the procedures related to the contingency fund, as provided for in annex 1, paragraph 11, of General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Ireland, Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/ L.21.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the United States, Mexico, Australia, Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Japan, China, Egypt, the Philippines (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Singapore and Uruguay.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Organization of work

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS 680th meeting

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [3 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, India, the United Kingdom, Costa Rica, Greece, Indonesia, Ireland, the Sudan, China, Cuba, the Russian Federation, Tunisia, the Philippines and Indonesia, as well by the observers for Iraq, Egypt and Lebanon.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Russian Federation, China, the Sudan and India.

681st meeting

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [3 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, India, the Sudan, the United States, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Russian Federation, the Philippines, Ireland, China and Greece.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. Vienna, 20 December 1988

Accession: South Africa (14 December 1998)*

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 16 May 1998

Acceptance: Uganda (16 September 1998)*

Acceptance: United Republic of Tanzania (23 September 1998)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Pass and Identification Office, located at UNITAR Building (45th Street and 1st Avenue), will be closed on Thursday, 17 December 1998, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. for administrative duties.

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Presentation of a gift

The Secretary-General will unveil a marble plaque commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, donated by the Association of Former International Civil Servants (New York), on Thursday, 17 December 1998 at 12 noon at the Roosevelt corner of the United Nations garden. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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